

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title of the specification as follows:

-- Automatic Tracking Of User Progress in a Software Application ~~And~~
~~Content Usage~~ --

Please amend the heading on page 1, line 1 of the specification as follows:

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-- ~~METHOD FOR~~ AUTOMATIC TRACKING OF USER PROGRESS IN A
SOFTWARE APPLICATION AND CONTENT USAGE --

for a developer. The developer may wish to more precisely locate where users are getting stuck. Thus, the application program 160 may specify a measure of how far into the content the user progressed.

5 In step 460, the operating system 170 recognizes that the application program 160 has finished executing. Thus, it adds remaining usage data 260 to its database 180 of records.

10 In step 470, the information in the database 180 is transferred to a repository 202 (e.g., web site) where it is stored, tabulated, reported, etc.) In this fashion, the usage data 260 may be analyzed by software developers, as well as users. In one embodiment, a synchronization process is performed to transfer the data from the electronic device 150 to the host computer. Details of one possible implementation of a synchronization process, along with a description of software,
 15 are described in U.S. Pat. No. 6,000,000, entitled "Extendible Method and Apparatus For Synchronizing Multiple Files On Two Different Computer Systems", issued December 7, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference. Among other issues, the data may help developers see which versions of software that are most popular and thus assure that these applications 160 will be compatible with
 20 future versions of the electronic device 150.

Another embodiment of the present invention provides for a method of tracking application and content usage by a unique identifier to merge variations due to release version, localization, etc. A variation of this embodiment is to report
 25 the information by version, etc. In this fashion, a developer may see which

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title of the specification as follows:

-- ~~Method For Automatic Tracking Of Software~~ Application And Content Usage --

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 3 of the specification.

-- RELATED U.S. APPLICATION

G¹ This Application is related to U.S. Patent Application entitled, "Automatic Collection and Updating of Application Usage," Application Number 09/874,717, filed ^{now co pending} on June 04, 2001. --

Please insert the following paragraph in the instant specification at page 2, line 21.

G¹ -- There are methods for synchronizing data between two computer systems. For example, U.S. Pat. No. 6,000,000, entitled "Extendible Method and Apparatus For Synchronizing Multiple Files On Two Different Computer Systems" discloses a synchronization process. However, such methods do not share information such that other users and developers may see which programs are popular. --

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 16 with the following marked up paragraph:

G¹ -- The present invention collects and stores information related to applications that execute on, for example, a personal digital assistant (PDA). However, the present invention is not limited to PDAs. Embodiments track content usage for example, the levels in a game, the number of chapters or segments of an electronic document, or web pages. The usage data provide information as to whether a given